

Remarks/Arguments:

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error in the Examiner's Amendment. Claim 14 has been amended to correct a typographical error on the part of applicant. None of these amendments add new matter or substantively change the claims. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

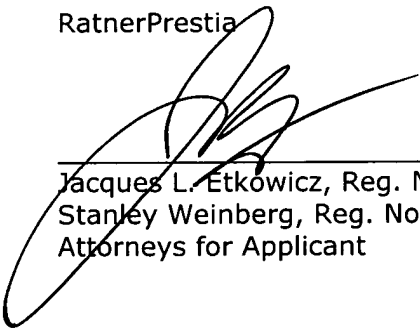
In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner stated that the tension spring "controls the retainer." Applicant disagrees with this statement to the extent that it is overly limiting. Rather, and as set forth in at least one claim, the tension spring is used for "biasing" the retainer.

CONCLUSION:

The amendments to claims 1 and 14 should be entered and the comments on statement of reasons for allowance should be made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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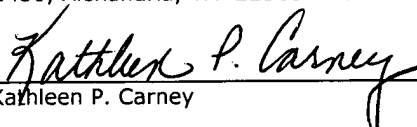
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